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Dear H.B.G.:

I am working on the visa and just this morning got a letter from the head of the Visa Division indicating that they were securing certain additional data from Zurich. Personally, I am getting rather irritated with our people in the Visa office for their attitude. It is a question of unravelling all kinds of red tape and really finding what the trouble is. In addition to the general obstacle that practically no German visas are being granted. I think the policy is an unwise one but it will take time to change it.

Meanwhile, I have corresponded with Mr. Brooks at Houghton, Mifflin and suggested the type of letter he might write. You can be sure that I will do what I can.

I can't imagine what is back of the banning of your book in Germany or why this should be done at the instance of the Americans. There are a certain number of people who are still up to mischief and with whom I am not myself over-popular. Their influence is waning and time will eliminate them.

Sincerely,

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